GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3324
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IMPACT OF DISINVESTMENT OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision to disinvest Air India is likely to affect Indian Airlines Traffic on the domestic and international routes as the two airlines have common flights;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to face this situation;

(c) whether there is a proposal to give any additional capacity entitlements to Indian Airlines and Alliance Air prior to the disinvestment process of Air India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): No, sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): No, sir, As far as commencement of new international operation or expansion thereof is concerned, the first right of refusal lies with Air India, which will have to be exercised within a reasonable time frame.